

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Central Region  
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1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** TD1648905 Kernville Devoy Drive Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No.TUL-28856-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at two locations adjacent to Deer Creek, approximately 0.65 miles west of the intersection of Pine Flat Drive, Hot Springs Road, and Mountain Road 50, approximately 2.6 miles east of the town of California Hot Springs, Tulare County, State of California; Township 23 South, Range 31 East, Section 32, United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quad California Hot Springs, MDB&M.

Pole 4869606E: 35.881583, -118.657139  
Pole 4869910E: 35.885400, -118.650450

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TUL-28856-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison.

The proposed Project includes the installation of two interset poles (Poles 4869606E and 4869910E) and associated anchors. The sites will be accessed from unpaved access roads with gated entrances accessible from Hot Springs Road and Pole 4869910E will be set by helicopter.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

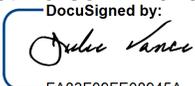
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Edison

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1(b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes the maintenance of an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services with no expansion of use. No trees will be removed. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-28856-R4.

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